Licences to private firms for mobile telephone network

4501. SHRI P. UPENDRA: WiH the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of provatc firms have been given licences for setting up mobile telephone network;

(b) what are the tletails of companies which have been given licences; and

(c) whether Government have any plans *to* regulate the fees and charges likely to be collected by these companies, or the matter Ts left to market forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Department has issued licences to 8 companies, two in each of the metropolitian cities of Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta & Madras. List of licensees is enclosed as Statement-I *{See* below).

(c) The Department has fixed the ceiling tariffis to be collected by the licensees from their subscribers. The details of the tariffs are given in annexed Statement-II. *{See* below). The licensee is free to operate below this ceiling. The ceiling tariff is subject to review by the Government.

Statement

T List of the Lincensees for the Operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

Sl. No.	Name of the Licensee	City
1.	M/s Hutchison Max Telecom	Bombay
2.	M/s BPL Systems & Projects Ltd.	Bombay
3.	M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Delhi
4.	M/s Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Delhi
5.	M/s Usha Martin Telecom Ltd.	Calcutta
6.	M/s Indian Telecom Pvt. Ltd. (Now M/s Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd.)	Calcutta
7.	M/s Skycell Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Madras
8.	M/s Mobile Telecom Service Ltd. (Now M/s RPG Cellular Service Ltd.)	Madras

Statement II

Ceiling Tariff for Cellular Mobile Telephone C *Service*

1.	Monthly Rental for the Service	Rs. 156/- Per Month
2.	Security Deposit	Rs. 3000/-
3.	Installation Charges	Rs. 1200/-
4.	Call Charges :	

4.1. For calls originated by the Mobile Subscriber: Air time charges @10 seconds per unit call plus call charges as pplicable for the fixed network for Local, STD; and ISD calls. For mobile to mobile calls within the same Cellular Service area, only air time charges will be levied.

4.2. For calls terminating on the Mobile subscriber—Air time charge @10 seconds per unit call will be-levied- No charge will be levied to the mobile subscriber if the mobile subscriber terminates an incoming call within 5 seconds.

5. Notes on tariff:

5.1. Call duration will be on air time basis for mobile subscribers.

5.2. The air time unit call shall be charged at unit rate applicable to the highest slab of the DOT's fixed net work (Rs. 1.40 per unit at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no telescopic rates.

5.3. Call charges for the air time during peak hours shall be fixed at rates not exceeding double the rates prescribed in para 4 above. ,Pea's hours shall be restricted upto a maxi-mum of 4 hours per day.

5.4 Call charegs for the air time during Sundays and 3 National holidays (15th August, 26 January, & 2nd October) shall be half the rates prescribed in para 4 above.

5.5 For calls from mobile subscriber to the fixed network, the Licensee shall charge the mobile! subscriber at the rates prescribed by the Authority according to the time and day of the call. Unit rate for such calls shall be the highest slab rate of the DOTs fixed network (Rs. 1.40 at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no telescopic rates-

5.6. There are no free calls to be given in the air time.

6.0. The monthly rental does not include the provision of terminal equipment. The subscriber is free to buy the terminal equipment from any source.

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क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों में जून 1994 के अन्त तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों हेतु प्रतीक्षासूची में पंजीकृत किये गये आवेदकों की संख्या एक हजार से अधिक थी ;

(ख) इस प्रतीक्षा सूची को निपटाने के लिए क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ;

(ग) टेलीफोन कनेक्शन कब तक दिये जाने की संभावना है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार राज्य में, विशेष, रूप से उज्जैन, इन्दौर, रायपुर, जबलपुर बिलासपुर और ग्वालियर में टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों का विस्तार करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में सितम्बर, 1994 के अन्त तक जिन स्थानों पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की प्रतीक्षा सूची में 1000 से अधिक आवेदक दर्ज थे उनके नामों तथा इन स्थानों पर 1994-95 (1.4.94 से 31.3.95) के दौरान प्रदान किए गए नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं। **(नीचे देखिए)**